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**DEVICE AND METHOD FOR
MEASURING HARD GRANULAR
OBJECTS**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated December 28, 2009, Applicants respond as follows, wherein:

Amendment to the Drawings begins on page 2;

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 3;

Claim Amendments begin on page 5; and

Remarks begin on page 9.

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